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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON 1975 MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM

REF: (A) MEXICO A-55; (B) MEXICO 4005; (C) STATE 89563

1. AMB ESPINOSA CALLED AT DEPARTMENT MAY 16 TO DISCUSS  
PROPOSED TEXT FOR US-MEXICAN EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON 1975  
MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM. HE SAID THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO  
ACCEPT TEXT TRANSMITTED REFTEL (C) AS BASIS FOR  
OUR DISCUSSIONS, RATHER THAN TEXT TRANSMITTED REF (A),  
BUT SAW TWO FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS STILL OUTSTANDING: (1)  
LANGUAGE IN PARAGRAPH 7 CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF IMPOSING  
QUOTAS CREATED POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES FOR GOM; AND (2)  
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INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPHS EXPLAINING MEAT SITUATION  
CONTAINED IN A-55 TEXT OF US NOTE WERE NEEDED TO PROTECT  
GOM FROM ANY CHARGES OF SELLOUT.

2. DEPT OFFICIALS EXPLAINED THAT PARA 7 WAS ORIGINALLY

PROPOSED BY COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAM WHO WERE CONCERNED THAT US OF PERIODS COVERED BY VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT IN CALCULATING QUOTAS, SHOULD THEY BECOME NECESSARY, MIGHT REDUCE THEIR SHARE OF PROGRAM SHOULD US AT SOME POINT BE FORCED TO IMPOSE QUOTAS; THEY WERE NOT INTENDED TO IMPLY THAT WE WERE CONSIDERING IMPOSITION

OF QUOTAS. WE NOTED SUCH LANGUAGE WAS CONTAINED IN AGREEMENTS ALREADY SIGNED FOR 1975 PROGRAM WITH OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. NEVERTHELESS, WE PREPARED TO DROP PARA 7 IF GOM WISHED US TO DO SO. AMB ESPINOSA SAID HE NOW UNDERSTOOD REASONS FOR PARA'S INCLUSION, BUT SAID HIS POLITICAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST IT CONTINUED TO BE VALID. PARA WAS THEN DROPPED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

3. DEPT OFFICIALS THEN STATED THAT INTRODUCTORY PARAS PROPOSED BY GOM ON INTERNATIONAL MEAT SITUATION CREATED LEGAL DIFFICULTIES FOR US SINCE THEY SEEMED TO SET CONDITIONS ON AGREEMENT; ALSO, THEIR INCLUSION IN AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO WHEN THEY DID NOT APPEAR IN AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS CREATED PROBLEMS OF SYMMETRY IN PROGRAM. ESPINOSA THEN SUGGESTED THAT INTRODUCTORY PARAS BE TRANSFERRED FROM US NOTE TO MEXICAN REPLY, OR THAT MEXICANS SEND A SEPARATE LETTER OUTLINING THESE POINTS. WE SUGGESTED THAT ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE FOR MEXICANS TO CONSIDER SEPARATE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT EXPLAINING THEIR POSITION, AS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND HAD ALREADY DONE. ESPINOSA SAID GOM WAS ANXIOUS TO AVOID PUBLICITY AND WOULD PREFER TO HAVE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO ITS ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS. ESPINOSA SAID THAT IF AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON THIS ONE OUTSTANDING POINT, MEXICO WOULD BE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE NOTES WITH US AS EARLY AS THE MIDDLE OF FOLLOWING WEEK. HE ASKED THAT WHEN DEPARTMENT SENT ITS VIEWS TO AMEMBASSY MEXICO THAT WE MAKE CLEAR EMBASSY SHOULD CONTACT HIM DIRECTLY FOR OFFICIAL RESPONSE.

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4. DEPT HAS SINCE REVIEWED ESPINOSA'S SUGGESTIONS AND CONCLUDED THAT LEGAL DIFFICULTIES WE MENTIONED WOULD BE EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO HIS SUGGESTION THAT INTRODUCTORY PARAS BE INCLUDED IN MEXICAN REPLY. WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF SIDE COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICANS EXPLAINING CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, PROVIDED THAT (1) LETTER IN NO WAY QUALIFIES AGREEMENT SET FORTH IN EXCHANGE OF NOTES; (2) US IS PROVIDED TEXT OF LETTER IN ADVANCE AND HAS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ITS TEXT; AND (3) GOM UNDERSTANDS THAT WHILE LETTER WOULD NOT BE PUBLISHED ALONG WITH EXCHANGE OF NOTES, WE WILL BE REQUIRED TO

TRANSMIT LETTER TO CONGRESS ALONG WITH NOTES AND THIS  
MIGHT RESULT IN IT BEING MADE PUBLIC AT A LATER DATE.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONTACT AMB ESPINOSA AND  
CONVEY POINTS IN PARA 4, AND REPORT HIS REACTION.  
YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN EARLY  
AGREEMENT. INGERSOLL

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